

BUILDING TO SERVE



**JAMAICAN
CANADIAN
ASSOCIATION**

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BACKGROUND

The Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) is a membership and social services agency working to improve the quality of life for African Canadians, promote Black/ Jamaican culture, fight racism, and work in partnership with others who share similar values and goals. Established in 1962, and incorporated in 1971, the JCA is a registered charitable organization.

The Association's home is the **JCA Community Centre** at 995 Arrow Road in north Toronto, bought and renovated completely through membership and community support.

JCA'S SOCIAL SERVICES

SETTLEMENT SERVICES FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS

Designed to assist newcomers to Canada, primarily those with residence of three years or less. Clients get information on employment, education, housing, family sponsorship and other services. *Funded by the Ministry of Citizenship Culture and Recreation, and Citizenship and Immigration Canada.*

YOUTH AND FAMILY COUNSELLING

Culturally-sensitive counselling is provided to youth and families experiencing conflict inside and outside the home. There are also support groups for adolescent girls and incarcerated youth. *Funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.*

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INCEST/ CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PROGRAM

Designed to address and eradicate violence on the lives of women and children in the Caribbean/Black community through culturally-sensitive services, advocacy and public education. Services include individual and group counselling. *Funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.*

LEADERS IN PARTNERSHIP (LIP)

An eight-week social development program for school children aged 7-10, whose behavioural problems puts them at risk of delinquency. Topics include anger management, self esteem, and what happens when a child gets in trouble with the law. Operated in partnership with 31 Division of Toronto Police Service. *Funded by the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Richard Ivey Foundation and the Toronto Police Service.*

PARENTING PROGRAM

Provides counselling and information to mothers and children 0-12 years, in the areas of health and nutrition, child discipline, and other issues related to healthy child development. *Funded by the United Way and the City of Toronto.*

OPPORTUNITY PLUS+

A job preparation program for unemployed workers 45 years of age and over. Clients get quick, personal help in preparing resumes and

polishing interview skills; and also get to use the Internet and review job postings. *Funded by Human Resources Development Canada.*

CARIBBEAN CANADIAN SENIORS CLUB

The Caribbean Canadian Senior's Club is a separate agency within the Jamaican Canadian Association. The Club encourages members to live active, healthy lifestyles, and to lobby on issues of interest to seniors. Members meet at the JCA Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

JCA has standing committees through which members volunteer their time and creativity toward cultural and social development in the community. Committee chairs sit on the board of directors.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Responsible for recruiting and maintaining contact with members. Organizes the children's Easter bun-and-cheese party; summer family picnic, children's Christmas party, and seniors' dinner.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Promotes educational and cultural activities, including Black History Month celebrations. Responsible for the Marcus Garvey Resource Library at the JCA community centre, and the Saturday morning tutorial program for children in Grades 1 - 8.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Promotes the well-being of women in the Black community. Plans International Women's Day celebrations, recognition ceremonies for women of achievement, health fairs and other awareness/educational events.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Organizes fundraising events, and maintains donor records. Coordinates the yearly walk-a-thon, car raffle, Mother's Day brunch, independence celebrations, the bingo program and New Year's Eve dance.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Publicizes the events and achievements of the Association, and produces *In Focus*, the JCA quarterly newsletter.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Oversees the maintenance and operation of the JCA Community Centre, including the rental of the facilities for private and community functions.

YOUTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Recruits members aged 16 to 25. Plans programs and advocates on issues affecting youth's social, intellectual and personal development.

The Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) is a registered non-profit organization committed to identifying and responding to the needs of the Caribbean/Black community. The JCA abides by a policy of non-discrimination and equity, and our services are open to all.

LOCATION:

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OFFICE HOURS:

Social services operate Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RENTAL:

The JCA Community Centre may be rented for private and community functions during office hours, after work and on weekends. Call for information on rates and availability.

DONATIONS:

The JCA welcomes and appreciates individual, group and corporate donations to the building fund and to its programs and services. Tax receipts issued for donations \$10 and above.

MEMBERSHIP:

Become a member of the Jamaican Canadian Association and discover the true meaning of community. Fees: \$25 individual, \$35 family and \$10 youth/seniors.



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